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## Elba Council hears request to clean up Mulberry - stop beer sales in neighborhood

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Two local citizens appeared before the Elba City Council Monday night asking for help in cleaning up Mulberry Heights and protesting the issuance of off premise beer licenses to two Martin L. King Drive businesses. The City Council has held public hearings and approved the state issuing a license to Gray's Grocery on Martin L. King Drive. An application is pending for Timothy Blue dba Stop Game Room, at 1306 Martin L. King Drive.

Renee Turner and Mary Coleman each addressed the above mentioned issues. Mrs. Turner led off the discussion, thanking the city for the levee work, but wanting to know when area citizens could expect to see the work completed and again see Martin L. King Drive reopened to traffic. She noted that some citizens in the area depended on someone else picking them up for doctor appointments and shopping trips and the closed road was handicapping these people. No exact date could be given, but City Clerk Wayne Grantham noted it was originally scheduled to be closed for eight to nine weeks. With the recent rain delays, that time could stretch to ten or twelve weeks, Grantham explained.

Trash clean up of the Mulberry Heights area was mentioned, but most of the discussion was spent on other issues.

Mrs. Turner also complained about the men and teenagers hanging around on the street corners, drinking beer, doing (and selling) drugs, etc. She asked for police help in eliminating, or at least curtailing this activity.

Both ladies voiced complaints about a pending retail beer license application for a game room, "within ten feet of a school bus stop." Mayor James Grimes suggested it might be possible to get the school bus to move around the corner before picking up or dropping off students. The ladies indicated they didn't feel the license should be issued at all, considering its closeness to a residential area with many young children. "Let them go downtown, or somewhere else, to get their beer," said the ladies.

Turner read extensively from studies showing disadvantages of alcohol, both to children and adults.

Mayor Grimes presented budget figures to council members. He pointed out a very positive number in the local sales tax received at \$314,623.

"This is the first time since I have been in office that sales tax receipts actually exceeded budget expectations," the mayor said with a broad smile.

This number is about 4%, or \$12,570, above predictions for the first five months of the fiscal year, indicating the local economy is bucking national trends in a positive manner.

The bottom line on expenditures shows the city over budget in spending by about \$100,000 but these totals are deceptive. A line-by-line review shows that debt retirement accounts for about \$80,000 of that amount due to paying the annual FHA sewer loan payment in one lump sum earlier in the year.

The police department expenses also exceed budget by roughly \$30,000. Eleven thousand of that is in salaries and the balance mostly in supplies and building maintenance.

Council members approved the signing of a grant application for an 80-20 matching grant for a new van to be used at the senior citizens center.

In other business the council approved a wholesale beer license for Montgomery Beverage Co.

As Hyundai distributor plans to locate in Enterprise

Coffee County Commission offers support in preparing site

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, the Coffee County Commission offered its support Monday morning, March 24, to the City of Enterprise in its efforts to prepare a site for the new Hyundai supplier that will locate within the Yancey Parker Industrial Development Park.

Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford addressed the commission Monday morning, and he said the city needs the help of the commission in preparing a site for HSR&A which recently announced it will be locating in Enterprise. Alford said the company is now being referred to as HSA (HS Automotive Alabama).

"We are on a fast track in order to be ready," Alford said. "We request the county assist us with manpower and equipment to prepare the site."

He said if work such as removing the top soil and preparing the area for construction is done by local manpower, then approximately \$200-250,000 can be saved for the taxpayers.

Alford said he believes this is important for the county and the support of the commission would help show that Coffee County is ready for business and can make these kind of things happen.

"We are all proud of our industries in Coffee County," commission chairman Robert Stephens said. "We have the lowest unemployment rate in Southeast Alabama and would like to keep it that way."

Commissioner Jim Thompson made a motion to assist the City of Enterprise with the site preparation for HSA. His motion

received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks and passed by a unanimous vote (commissioner Doug Dalrymple was not present for the meeting due to a death in the family).

County administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners of a need to upgrade the county's software system.

He said the county purchased its current software system from DBS (Data Base System) about four years ago, and he said the company recently said it will no longer maintain that system after Dec. 2004.

Mobley said the company is going to upgrade to Windows based software, and it is going to cost the county just under \$25,000 to have DBS install the upgrade on the current system. However, he said the company Intuit has a better price because it will install a new system for \$25,000.

"We are going to have to change our system and upgrade," Mobley said. "I think DBS is gouging us with their price."

He said he could see paying around \$6,000 for an upgrade but certainly not \$25,000 when another company will install a new system for basically the same amount.

Commissioners voted Monday, March 24, during their regular bimonthly meeting to preclear a couple of voting house changes with the United States Justice Department.

Commission chairman Robert Stephens represents the people of District Three, and he said he has often been approached by voters in Mulberry Heights to close the voting house at the old school and provide a better facility. Therefore, Stephens recommended and made a motion to close the Mulberry Heights voting house to allow these voters to vote at the Elba Recreation Center which is the main voting spot for District Three.

The recreation center is within 1/4 mile of the Mulberry Heights school, and Stephens said he feels this will better serve the people of District Three with a better facility for every voter in the district.

"So many people had asked me to move that voting house in Mulberry Heights," Stephens said. "These voters are all in the same district, and the move will now have them all in the same beat."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks, who offered a second to Stephens' motion, also has some knowledge of the poor condition of the Mulberry Heights building, and he agreed the change will be good for the voters. He said he also feels the voters will be better served at the recreation center where the facility is in much better shape with a working restroom.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook made sure the commissioners were aware that other voting changes might be required; therefore, he recommended all commissioners look at their district so he can combine all changes in one document to send to the justice department for clearance.

Many of these changes were a direct result of the redistricting of Coffee County's voting area.

By a unanimous vote, the commission approved closing the Mulberry Heights voting house and moving those voters to the Elba Recreation Center providing this gets the approval of the U.S. Justice Department.

While on the subject of voting houses, Commissioner Linda Westbrook mentioned a problem in New Brockton where in the past the District One voters have been forced to come to Elba to vote. Now, she said all of New Brockton falls in District One, and she wanted the commission to approve the use of the old District Two voting spot in New Brockton for the District One voters.

This matter was also approved by a unanimous vote to be precleared with the justice department.

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Commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion with a second from commissioner Kayo Lewis to go with Intuit since it has the backing of the county administrators association; however, commissioner Linda Westbrook felt an amendment was necessary for this motion.

In her amendment, which received a second from Brooks, she asked for Mobley to talk with DBS first to see if the company would be willing to lower its upgrade price to \$6,000. If not, the county will purchase the system from Intuit.

Both the amendment and the original motion passed by a unanimous vote.

In regards to the delinquent garbage fees in which the commission has been discussing for quite some time now, Stephens said the county has managed to collect several more of the delinquencies.

"We're getting in good shape," he said. "I have spoken with officials from other counties, and they said they only wish their numbers were as low as ours."

In other business, the commission:

\* Approved a motion to allow the City of Enterprise to use six voting machines in an upcoming election. The City will bare any costs incurred from using the machines.

\* Approved a motion to accept the bid from Genim Consultants for the county's computer hardware. The "bid" amount was \$23,083.20 and was the only one received.

\* Reappointed Dr. James Paulk and Dale Moseley to another term with the Coffee County Public Water Board.

\* Approved a motion to transfer an unused vehicle from the sheriff's department inventory to the Zion Chapel Senior Center inventory. The vehicle, which used to be driven by the county jail administrator before he purchased a new vehicle, will be used as a backup vehicle by the senior center.

\* Approved a motion to take Coffee County Road 359 off priority for paving and put it back into its former slot on the county's dirt road paving list. The road had been moved to priority because of a grant the county was going to receive, but Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county did not receive the grant after all. She said some money may still come in for this project, but it will not be enough to keep the road in a priority slot.

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## BRAINSTORMS

with Ferrin Cox

America is in fact now at war - big time, and some of our finest are giving their lives for this country. The onset of war didn't come as a surprise to many folks, as the massive build up, both in material ways and in words, had been ongoing for some time. On several occasions worldwide TV audiences have already heard American and British leaders say publicly that the Iraqis are "not fighting fairly." Frankly we didn't expect them to "fight fair," nor did our leaders. These public statements are part of a continuing effort to swing worldwide opinion in favor of the U.S. led coalition's position.

As a working member of the news media we have, on several occasions, been called upon by friends to defend the blow-by-blow instant news coverage of the war. We have no clear response, even after almost a week, to null the matter over in the rusty old brain. It seems to be critical of the ongoing coverage, yet we spend as much time before the tube as anyone, watching the events unfold. There are some good points for us to consider in this issue. With the constant camera coverage it is easier for each of us to sort through the claims and counterclaims coming out of the battles. Also, our government and military leaders are using this real time coverage to convince Iraq citizens and soldiers of our well intended plans and desires. Then, good or bad, more Americans will have full knowledge that in spite of the glory painted by Hollywood movies and patriotic speeches by this writer and other flag waving Americans, WAR IS HELL. We say again, the great freedoms won in past battles by so many fighting Americans are the only things in this whole issue worth defending with the lives of our young men and women - and then only because others of us who have much less time left in this world are simply too far past our prime and not up to the mental and physical tasks faced daily by our well trained troops.

This week for the first time we have heard a complaint about the issuing of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages in the City of Elba. Frankly, we expected a lot of loud complaining each time one of the applications came up, but it didn't happen. A complaint expressed to us following the council meeting Monday night was that "we didn't know about it." Well, the law requires a display ad to appear three weeks in this newspaper, the prospective licensee must post a big sign on the premises explaining their intentions, ABC folks canvass the neighborhood(s) and often leave letters at nearby homes, etc., and there is a public hearing. In the case of Elba, these were discussed in the news columns of at least three area newspapers, the local radio station and on several area television stations. It is just about impossible to get the news out any more thoroughly than that. Unfortunately, it appears some Army training we received over 40 years ago still rings true today - "10% of the troops will never get the message" - this is regrettable, but shouldn't stop any of us from trying to reach that other 10% of our citizens.

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### America begins the task of disarming Iraq

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After twelve years of defiance of United Nations resolutions ordering him to destroy his weapons of mass destruction, Saddam Hussein chose to go to war last week rather than give up his ability to inflict harm upon America and our allies. History will reflect that he made a fatal mistake. It will also show that the United States followed the proper course of action.

In his televised address last Monday, President Bush spelled out his duty to prevent Saddam's lethal arsenal from being used against our country. "The United States and other nations do nothing to deserve or invite this threat. But we will do everything to defeat it."

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 17, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one criminal trespassing, one harassing communication, one giving false name, two for theft of property, one possession of a forged instrument, three for harassment, two for tampering with evidence, one resisting arrest, one possession of methamphetamine, two for assault, three for possession of marijuana, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one criminal mischief and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for the manufacture of methamphetamine, four for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for possession of marijuana and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, MARCH 17** - River stage - 12.54 feet (6:07 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy 84 near Stroud Ave. (9:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 (9:44 a.m.); River stage - 12.52 feet (11:20 a.m.); Alarm activated at 14055 Hwy. 84 E. (12:25 p.m.)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18** - River stage - 13.85 feet (6:53 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19** - River stage - 14.67 feet (7:06 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20** - River stage - 14.65 feet (6:12 a.m.); Fight in progress on Martin Luther King Dr. (12:48 p.m.)

### BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Gurren Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy. 19 - 1st & 2nd

• MASONIC LODGE - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Banquet Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m. @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. Elba High School locker room

• NEW SELLERS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

of our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters to help win the battle and secure the peace. Be they active duty, reserve or National Guard personnel, they all leave families back home praying for their safe return.

My offices have received calls and emails from ordinary citizens wanting to know what they can do to reach out and encourage service members far from home. One such way is by joining the efforts of the United States Organizations (USO).

The USO, Package Program is an excellent way to

also to liberate the long suffering people of Iraq. Just as the

look to live free from oppression and torture, so will the

people of Iraq, who have for too long known only murder

and execution, rape, beatings and mutilations at the hands of

Saddam's thugs.

President Bush clearly laid out our objectives to the Iraqi people. "We come to Iraq with respect for its citizens, for their

great civilization and for the religious faiths they practice. We have no ambition in Iraq, except to remove a threat and

restore control of that country to its own people."

At home in Alabama, we know what's at stake in the military operation in Iraq. Our

state is sending a great number

### Coffee County Schools

Menu

March 31- April 4, 2003

#### BREAKFAST

Monday - Blueberry Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice  
Tuesday - Sausage & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice  
Wednesday - Donut w/ glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Egg & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

Monday - Corned Turkey & Cheese Hash, Mixed Vegetables, Hash Browns, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Sloppy Joe, W.K. Corn, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday - Hamburger, Hotdog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Milk  
Thursday - Rib w/ sauce, Sandwich, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Chicken Sandwich, Fish Sandwich, Imit Peas, Cold Slaw, Cookie, Fruit, Milk



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**ASSORTED MOUNTAIN PUT FRUIT PIES 2/5**  
**PURE SAUER'S MAYONNAISE \$1.17**  
**ASSORTED BANANA JAMS AND PRESERVES \$1.37**  
**BUTTER TASTIN' HUNGRY JACK BISCUITS 97¢**  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The past two years, I have witnessed this to an extreme.

For a city league that always starts the season 3-4 weeks behind everyone else and doesn't get uniforms until the day of the first bullgame, I would think that the "personality conflicts" should be the last of your concern.

Maybe parents would smile more if the entire organization was more organized.

Use a criteria - every year, not just the ones that are convenient for you and your buddies. I speak for the majority of parents when I say that we let our children play ball IN SPIES of

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So don't be amazed, simply put your left hand over your right shoulder and pat yourself on the back for a JOB INCONSISTENTLY DONE!

Sandy Pope

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

### EHS Band Day is planned for Saturday, April 5

The annual Elba Band Day will be held April 5, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba.

Schedule of events is as follows: 9:45 - EHS 5th & 6th Grade Bands; 10:30 - Lois Pittman Line Dancing; 11:00 - Carl Brook; 11:30 - The Southside Shufflers; 12:00 - The Tiger Twirlers; 12:30 - Master's Call; 1:30 - EHS 5th and 6th Grade Bands; 2:00 - EHS Band. Barbecue plates will be available from the Senior Citizens

### EHS to have 8th Grade Parents Night April 3rd

Elba High School will have 8th grade Parents Night, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12.

Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced

and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

Parents Night is an important meeting for you and your child. It is very essential for you to make every effort to attend.

### Praise Festival wants praise and worship groups

The New Life Center and The Christian Mission will sponsor a Praise Festival on May 10, 1:30 - 5 p.m.

All interested choral groups are asked to sign up to be

included in the afternoon of praise and worship. Groups will compete for best-in-class finale for a mass choir selection.

For information and registration call 393-5641.

### ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Luke 16:1-18

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Geneather Paige, Ella M. Brooks, Penny Rhoades, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Mattie Belcher, Alan Belcher, Rev. Charles Lane, Willie Tyson, Jessie Tyson, and Annie J. Tyson. Fannie Lois Brooks, O.B. Daniels, All U.S. Servicemen and Women, Susie Marshall and Jessica Pearson.

\*\*\*15th Anniversary of the Singing Echoes of New Brockton, Ala. will be celebrated April 5 and 6, 2003. The first session will be Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. The second session will be Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Other groups include: Fantastic Friendly Four, Selma, Ala. Gospel Express, The Mighty Kings and the Gospel Travelers all of Dothan, Ala. For more information call Ozella Head: 894-0332, Alvanya Nelson: 894-5134, or Helen Burrows: 894-6771.

\*\*\*Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will hold a youth revival March 26-28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Goshen First Baptist Church will hold annual youth day on Sunday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. and a revival Monday, Wednesday, April 7-9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

\*\*\*Greater New Zion Baptist Church will celebrate Rev. W.L. Peterson's 17th Pastor's Anniversary on April 6, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Mulberry Missionary

Baptist District Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union will convene with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Ala. at 9:45 a.m. on March 30, 2003.



Kanika Tahirah "Ki Ki" Belcher

Kanika Tahirah "Ki Ki" Belcher, daughter of Milton and Betty Belcher of Montgomery, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Estelle Franklin and the late Isiah Franklin of Montgomery, Ala., and Erna Lindsey Belcher and the late Grover Belcher of Elba.

Today is a good day, be grateful.

### SouthTrust Bank - Elba sponsoring fundraisers for Relay For Life March 31- April 11

SouthTrust Bank, Elba, as a fundraiser for Relay for Life will be having an arts and crafts fair, silent auction and bake sale in the lobby of the bank, beginning Monday, March 31, 2003, at 9:00 o'clock, and will continue until April 11, 2003 or until all items are sold. The silent auction will close out on April 11, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Some items include an antique trunk, and a new hand made out door lawn chair, original paintings and an antique school desk and more items are expected for the silent auction. There will be more than 100 arts and craft

### New Life Worship Center will be in revival March 30 - April 2

New Life Worship Center will be in revival with the Johnson Family from Pensacola, Fla. starting on Sunday, March 30 - Wednesday, April 2, 2003. The service times are Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. New Life Worship Center is located at 206 South Magnolia Street, Samson, Ala. For more information call 334-898-7699 or email newlife@alaweb.com.

### NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017 to meet March 29 at St. Johns Chapel AME

NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017 will meet on March 29, 2003 at St. Johns Chapel AME, Enterprise, Ala. The executive members will meet at 9:30 a.m., and the regular monthly meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. For more information call 393-6747 or 308-9829.

### Mann Kirkland Singers to be at Country Cathedral

The Mann Kirkland Singers will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Saturday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Country Cathedral is located on Hwy. 84 East out of Opp. No admission will be charge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Salem-Enterprise District Brotherhood Revival planned for April 2-4

Salem - Enterprise District Brotherhood Revival will be held April 2-4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The revival will be held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala.

### Harris Temple Youth Department is hosting Praise Rally

Harris Temple Youth Department is sponsoring a youth praise rally on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at 747 Adams Street. Featuring community youth praise team, mime teams, music ministry and much more.

An "old fashioned" gospel singing will be held Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Ridge Church near Victoria. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## Church Directory

<b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.	<b>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sam Totter, Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHURCH COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Ashley Fausk-Pastor Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HIS CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Rev. R.B. Williams, Minister Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Rev. Ray Giles-Minister Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service - 6:30 p.m.
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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Alex Benbow



This week's all new co-op spotlight focuses on Natasha Brooks. She is 16-years-old and in the eleventh grade. Her parents are Denise and Comer Ray Brooks.

Some of her hobbies include shopping, going to the beach, bowling, hanging out with her boyfriend and friends. She works at BBQ ETC in New Brockton, AL. She is a member of St. Beta, FBLA, and FCCLA.

Her future plans are to attend University of South Alabama and major in anesthesiology. And her favorite sport is football. GO ELBA!!

## Celebration of Spring

What happens at equinox? Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, March 20, March 21 in some years, is significant for astronomical reason. On March 20, 2003, at precisely 8:00 p.m. EST (01:00 Universal Time-March 21), the sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. The moment is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the autumnal equinox.

Translated literally, equinox means "equal night". Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length all over the world during the equinoxes. This brief but monumental moment owes its



## Tiger Tales

Editor: Sheena Flowers

## Operation Saving Teens comes to Elba High School

by Blake Brunson

On Wednesday, March 19, Operation Saving Teens brought an emotional assembly to the students at Elba High School.

Sergeant Reese presented a program to the students about drug abuse, school violence, and how teenagers should "step up to the plate" and do the right thing. He also spoke about heroes saying that, "People are not heroes because of the way they died, but because of the way they lived."

Sgt. Reese gave accounts of teenagers from Alabama who died from alcohol poisoning, huffing, and overdose of drugs, such as Oxycontin, heroin, morphine, ecstasy, and methamphetamine.

significance to the 234-degree tilt of the earth's axis.

Modern astronomy aside, people have recognized the vernal equinox for thousands of years. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early people celebrated for the basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

The Spring Equinox is also known as Alban Eilín, Eostar, Eostar, Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Festival of Trees, Lady Day, NawRuz, No Ruz, Ostara, Ostra, Rites of Spring, and the Vernal Equinox.

amino. Accompanying Sgt. Reese was Carol Hudson, the mother of a victim of substance abuse.

Mrs. Hudson's son, Anthony, died in his early twenties on Christmas Day of 2001 due to overdose of MS Contin.

The program was thought-provoking for many of the students and left them with a new perspective.

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

by Ayonna Procter

Spring Break is a much-anticipated break by many. Hey, you're in school for a while, the sun pops out, the weather gets just right and then you get out for a nice little break. Well, at Elba High School that was part of it. The other part was the Miss Spring Break Pageant.

The pageant was a tradition at Elba High that has been dated back to as far as 1971! This year that tradition was ended. The administration of EHS banned the Miss Spring Break Pageant for this year.

Both students and faculty were asked if they thought that it was fair that the senior boys and student body of 2003 should be punished, as far as not having a Miss Spring Break Pageant was concerned, because of previous actions by previous seniors, here's what they had to say:

Kendall Stinson - It's not fair because just what happened in

## Elba Elementary holds annual book fair

by Brittany Cooper

On Monday, March 3, Elba Elementary School held the annual Crane Book Fair. The Book Fair is held every year for the elementary students to get a chance to buy books, posters, pencils, and many things that they enjoy. The most popular items this year was the "How to Draw Spider-Man" Color book, and the Guinness World Record Books. The book fair lasted until Friday, March 14.

I got a chance to ask the elementary librarian, Mrs. Seay, how she thought the book fair went and she said, "It was a great deal of work, but it was worth it, and it gave the library extra money to spend on books and accessories."

35 percent of the money raised was given to the library to use. Mrs. Seay said the library almost made it to the \$3,000 mark.

I would like to congratulate EES librarian for raising the money, and thanks to Crane Book Fair!



Kaleigh Harris shopped at the book fair

## No Miss Spring Break pageant...Is it unfair or fair? That is the question

the past doesn't mean it will happen again.

Mr. Carlie - No, but I don't believe that the boys are being punished. I have felt for a long time that there was something better to do to raise money.

Leanna Sutley - No, because it's not fair that we're being punished for the previous seniors.

Shae Thigpen - No, because we're being punished for someone else's actions.

Mrs. Weeks - It's unfortunate for the senior guys, but I agree that it had gotten too vulgar.

Christy Eubanks - I think it's unfair that they cut it out all together without any guidelines being set that could be followed and make it more accepted.

Derrick Jackson - No, because this year's boys haven't done anything; it was last year's boys. And this is a once in a lifetime experience, and they aren't going to be able to experience it because of someone else's actions.

Mrs. Crawford - Unfair, but strict guidelines should be set to make it cleaner and enjoyable for everyone.

Tim Andrews - No, because we've been labeled as the best

senior class, but yet we are not allowed the same opportunities

J.J. Farmer - It's unfair, because the issue of vulgarly came up last year, but it's being addressed this year.

Mrs. Rhoades - No, it's not fair because students should not be punished for the mistakes and behaviors of other students. Maybe guidelines could be provided to monitor the problems that were encountered in last year's pageant.

Reymar Rogers - I think that it's not fair because the senior boys before got to do it, and the one's now should have the same opportunity.

Blake Brunson - No, maybe in the past the boys have went too far but if they would have been given restrictions before the pageant it probably wouldn't have gotten as bad as it did.

And if they would have violated these rules, they personally should have been punished. Not the senior boys of this year.

Mrs. Henderson - Yes, because each year is worse than the one before.

Marcus Henderson - No, because our senior class is the "best senior class" that's ever come through EHS, and as a

Those were some opinionated voices of Elba High School and their feelings on the non-existing Miss Spring Break Pageant of 2003. Everyone can't be satisfied all the time, but maybe there can be some sort of resolution where everyone is happy.

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Neutral: 10%  
Fair: 20%

## Character Trait

by Brittany Cooper

Hey! My name is Brittany Cooper, and I am writing about our character trait this week. Well, since we have already used all of our character traits, I thought I would write about Spring Break, instead of boring you with the same stuff! Ahh, Spring Break, the time of parties, fun, and family vacations. Well, this Spring Break, instead of going to parties and getting in a lot of trouble, spend time with friends and family, safely. I know you are asking me, "How can you have fun 'safely' on Spring Break?" Well, here are some ideas of what to do on Spring Break, without getting well basically, arrested!

You can always go shopping, lay out in the sun, go walking in the park, roller-blading, or even having a picnic in the park with your loved ones. There are many things you can do without risking your life, or even someone else's. I hope your Spring Break is fun and safe!!!



PIC OF THE WEEK (by Kimberly Farris). Kristy and Devri sure were glad to make their final payment on their graduation supplies!

## Spring Break is on its way

by Jessica Lauren Hathcock

Another school year, another Spring Break. For many Elba High School students this means sand, beach, swimsuits, and lots of fun. For others it means a long week at home, just hanging with friends.

No matter what, it will be a great week to relax and get back

to your normal self, while shaking off your remaining remnants of school. Whatever you plan to do for your vacation, whether it is Panama City, Six Flags, or staying at home, please be careful and come back to school the next week safe and sound. (And ready to learn!)

Students every year look forward to Spring Break, especially the Mrs. Spring Break Pageant that the journalism staff hosts every year. Since this year our senior class has been deprived of one of it's most enjoyed traditions we are all looking forward to a nice long week of fun and sun.

I want to wish everyone at Elba High, students and teachers alike, a great and a safe week. Now go out and have fun!!!

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

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## Students appear on WTBF show

Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, Jonah Edmondson, and Lee Bouwell made an appearance on the WTBF Morning Show with the show's host, Mr. Jim Roling. They were there to talk about Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the South Region Conference they were going to attend the next day.

The four Zion Chapel Students were on the air for a period of time between 6:45 and 7:15 a.m. Mr. Roling asked them in which

contest they were going to compete, in which grade they were, and where they planned to go to college. All four students said they were going to Auburn.

Jonah wants to study computer engineering, Ashley wants to study aeronautical engineering, and Amanda wants to study journalism. These three are seniors.

Lee, a junior, wants to be a large animal veterinarian.

They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

## ZCES Faculty Spotlight

Joni Smith is employed with the Coffee County School System as a fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School. During her first year of teaching, Joni enjoys teaching Language arts and Science.

Joni graduated from Kinston High School in 1997 as valedictorian of her class. After high school, she attended college majoring in K-6 elementary/col-

laborative education. In Dec. 2001, Joni received her Bachelor's degree from Troy State University and graduated with honors.

Currently, Joni resides in Kinston with her parents, Tommy and Marilyn Smith. She is actively involved in her church, Bethany Baptist Church of New Brockton. During her

spare time, Joni enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is looking forward to an exciting first year of teaching with her fifth graders.

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On March 3, 2003, Zion Chapel Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Students enjoyed a breakfast of green eggs and ham and wore Cat in the Hat during the day. Each elementary class had a guest reader. The guest readers included: Janet Holmes, John Nelson, Christina Kirkland, Tommy Waters, Peggy Storey, Elizabeth Lindsey, Betty Reffegge, Angela Hughes, Charles Walker, JoAnne Jones, Bernadette Smith, Linda Westbrook, Cara Knighten, Annette Griswold, Jeanaria Parker and Herby McCall. Dr. Seuss' birthday is an annual event to promote reading.

## The Network designed for Coffee County Schools students

by DeAnn Wallace  
Instructor, WIA Program

The Network is a program which was developed out of a federally funded grant through the Workforce Investment Act. It is an in-school remediation service designed for the students of the Coffee County School System. The Network is an acronym for Networking Enhances the Work of Resourceful Kids.

During the 2002-2003 school year we have 19 certified students at Kinston, 43 students at New Brockton High School, and 33 students at Zion Chapel High School. We are developing positive school behavior, learning appropriate work behavior, and practicing decision making. We are also working with computer skills, basic skills remediation, work training, the graduation exam, teamwork, and leadership abilities.

This year we have had many

guest speakers from such places as the Alabama National Guard, the ARMY, and Douglas

MacArthur Technical College which is a part of LBW Community College. With our

guest speakers discussing jobs and what is required in the twenty-first century workplace. We have presently ten students who want to join the armed forces. In November, November and Zion Chapel students took a field trip to the MacArthur Campus. Students had a tour of the school and completed an internal inventory test. Several students decided to enroll in the trade school once they graduate

from high school.

Before Christmas the Zion Chapel students worked on their leadership skills. The students worked very hard to provide a social event for Mrs. Nall's Elementary Resource class. The teens planned a social event that every child students made ornaments for the young students as well as greeting cards. After getting to know our young friends we served snacks and drinks to them all.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Tryouts for Semi-Pro baseball in Enterprise to be held on Saturday, March 29

Enterprise Semi-Pro baseball league tryouts will be Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Peavis Ball Park.

For additional information call Joe at 347-4275. Players are needed to complete these team rosters.

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Caroline Darnell

Caroline Darnell to be in Georgia Junior Miss finals

Caroline Darnell, daughter of Conie Mac and Cyndi Darnell of Macon, Ga., and the granddaughter of Bill and Carolyn Stokes, was selected to represent Macon and Bibb County as its Junior Miss. The First Presbyterian Day School Junior, accompanying herself on piano, sang "Only Hope" from the movie A Walk to Remember for her talent performance. She will participate in the Georgia Junior Miss 2004 finals in Atlanta July 18-19.

**Elba Senior Citizens to sell cookbooks**

The Elba Senior Citizen Center has collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into a cookbook which will be sold beginning April 1.

A book can be purchased from any member of the organization or at the Senior Center. All proceeds will benefit the Elba Senior Citizen Center.

The cookbook contains 500 recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name.

For more information, call Laura King or Louise Hornsby at 897-8268 or 897-3019.

**Band Day Pageant to be held April 4**

The annual Band Day Pageant will be held Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

Attire for Tiny Miss and Little Miss will be Sunday Dress; for Jr. Miss and Miss - Formal Dress.

Practice will be held Thursday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in the EHS auditorium.

Entry forms and fees must be turned in to the school by April 2.

Grade categories are: K - 2nd; 3rd - 5th; 6th - 8th; and 9th - 12th.

All proceeds will benefit the Band.

For more information contact Melinda Lee at 897-2687 after 6 p.m.

**New Arrival**

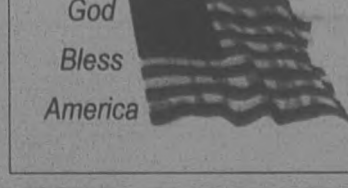
RANDALL LUTHER PAINE, JR.



Randall Luther Paine, Jr.

Amy and Randy Paine of Sarasota, Fla. announce the birth of their son, Randall Luther, Jr. He was born January 17, 2003 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Ann and Bob Paine of Sarasota and Betty Joyce and Charles Ellis of Elba.



**Elba Public Library New Books list**

**ADULT INSPIRATIONAL FICTION**

Bullock, Lynn—The Harbor of His Arms

Copeland, Lori—Hearts at Home

Copeland, Lori—Ruth Hart, Jillian—A Love Worth Waiting For

Henderson, Dee—True Honor

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Lacy, Al—Let There Be Light

Mason, Felicia—Sweet Accord

Pella, Judith—Somewhere a Song

Oke, Janet—The Beloved Land

Thoenes, Bodie—The Jerusalem Scrolls

Thoenes, Bodie—The Jerusalem Vigil

Thoenes, Bodie—Jerusalem's Heart

Thoenes, Bodie—Jerusalem's Hope

Thoenes, Bodie—Thunder From Jerusalem

Welsh, Kate—Her Perfect Match

Wolverton, Cheryl—Shelter From the Storm

Worth, Lenora—Easter Blessings

**ADULT FICTION**

Beaton, M.C.—Agatha Raisin and the Case of the Curious Curate

Brown, Rita Mae—The Tail of the Tip-off

Deaver, Jeffrey—Vanished Man Hyde, Christopher—A Gathering of Saints

Johnstone, William J.—Lood of the Mountain Man

Johnstone, William J.—Courage of the Mountain Man

Johnstone, William J.—The First Mountain Man Blackfoot Messiah

King, Stephen—Wizard and Glass

McNaught, Judith—Someone to Watch Over Me

Parker, Robert B.—back story

Patterson, James—The Jester (2 copies)

Smith, B.K.—Something Down the Road

Stackhouse, Bill—Encore to Murder

Stackhouse, Bill—Hickory, Dickory

Stackhouse, Bill—Stream of Death

Steel, Danielle—Dating Game (2 copies)

**LARGE PRINT FICTION**

Churchill, Jill—The House of Seven Mabels

Henley, Virginia—Ravished House, Silas—A Parchment of Leaves

Mayor, Archer—The Sniper's Wife

Pearson, Allison—I Don't Know How She Does It

Woods, Stuart—Blood Orchid

**ABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE**

Archer, Jeffrey—Sons of Fortune

Block, Lawrence—Small Town Evanovich, Janet—Full Tilt

Grisham, John—The King of Torts

Rice, Luanne—The Secret Hour

**ADULT NONFICTION**

Faith in Gods and General Our Unmet Needs—Chas. Stanley

Southern Living Homestyle Cooking

Tailspin: The Strange Case of Major Call

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**ADULT REFERENCE**

The PDR Family Guide to Prescription Drugs

Assistance available for getting GED

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Wilsons to be honored on Golden Wedding Anniversary April 6**

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wilson will honor their parents on their Golden Wedding Anniversary April 6, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at Rocton Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

**LATE OBITUARY**

**MILFORD EUGENE SUTLEY**

Milford Eugene Sutley, 71, a native of Elba, Alabama and a resident of Milton FL, died suddenly on Monday, March 24, 2003. He was a military veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Sutley was preceded in death by his parents, William B. Sutley and Bessie Lee Sutley, both of Elba and a brother Fred A. Sutley of Brantley, AL. He is survived by his wife, Sybelleann W. Sutley, a son Michael E. Sutley, a daughter Vicky Lynn Matthews & 2 granddaughters all of Milton.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28 in the Lewis Funeral Home Chapel in Milton, FL, with Dr. David Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in Serenity Gardens with Lewis Funeral Home directing.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

**BABY - MITCHEL TRACE**

Sonya Smith and Mitchel Brunson of Elba, announce the birth of their son, Mitchel Trace. He was born February 25, 2003 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Shirley Claypool of Opp, Ala.; Betty and Jerome Sasser of Opp, Ala.; and Bobby Brunson of Elba.

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**Don't miss the CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 3**



CEC employee Susie Adams shows the grand prize, a 1991 Chevrolet 1500 fleetside truck, to be given away to one lucky CEC member at the 2003 CEC Annual Membership Meeting on April 3. Other major prizes include a 27-inch color TV, microwave oven, DVD player, electric grill and \$150 cash.

## You Could Win!

In addition to six major prizes, about 30 other gifts will be awarded. Registered Covington Electric Cooperative members will receive a free outdoor thermometer, calculator, magnetic message board, and other useful items. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes. For complete rules and regulations, please see the March issue of *Alabama Living* magazine.



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## Thursday, April 3

**COVINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Andalusia Kiwanis Community Center**

Registration — 3 p.m.  
Entertainment — 5:30 p.m.  
Business Session — 7 p.m.



## Family Entertainment

The Hoppers of Madison, N.C., will entertain the crowd during this year's meeting. During their long career, the Hoppers have enjoyed many popular hit releases. They've had five releases peak at number one, including the songs, "Shouting Time," "Here I am" and "Anchor To The Power."



**BAND DAY CHAIR-ITY AUCTION**...This beautifully painted bench seat storage chest will be one of the many pieces of furniture open for bids during the 2003 EHS Band Day Chair-ity Auction. The furniture donated for the auction will be on display at The Peoples Bank and SouthTrust Bank the entire week prior to Band Day, April 5. Bidding will resume on the square the morning of band day; however, all bids must be entered before 12 Noon. The above piece of furniture was painted by Millie McCollough and features a variety of animals.

**Coffee County Arts Alliance 29th Annual Piney Woods Festival to be held April 12 & 13**

The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the 29th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2003. The Festival will be on the grounds of Enterprise-Ozark Community College (formerly Enterprise State Junior College), located at the intersection of Boll Weevil Circle and Highway 167 South, Enterprise, AL. Festival hours are 9:30 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday.

Original art, crafts, special Opp Saddle Club opens 2003 season March 29

Opp Saddle Club will open its 2003 season on Saturday, March 29 at the Opp Arena.

The 2003 Opp Saddle Club Queens will also be introduced starting at 9:00 AM. These 92 girls were interviewed on Friday, March 21 at the Opp Chamber of Commerce Building.

Starting around 10:30 on Saturday the Saddle Club will kick off its first horse show of the season. The first part of the show will be halter classes, pleasure classes and racking classes. Afternoon events will start at 2:00 and will include a balloon burst contest, a sack race and a stick horse race. Kids up to age 7 will be able to compete in these events. The speed events will follow the three kid events. The speed events will consist of arena races, barrel races, pole bending, key-hole races and the 100 yard dash. There is a class for all ages. The Beginner class is for kids up to age 7. The Youth class will be for ages 8-12 and the Junior class is for ages 13-17. The Senior class is for anyone age 18 and over.

The public is invited to these events. There are bleachers to sit on or spectators can bring lawn chairs. There is no admission charge for spectators.

**ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU**  
March 31-April 4, 2003

**BREAKFAST**

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cheddar Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancakes w/ Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

**LUNCH**

Monday - Corned, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Blackeye Peas, Peach Cup, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Taco Sauce, Lettuce, Tomato, and Cheese, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Thursday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corn, Carrots, Crackers, Pear Half, Milk

Friday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, & Dill Pickles, French Fries, Blueberry Cake, Milk

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is out this week for both the Mularz girls and that means both have plans to spend a few days at the beach soaking up the sun. In years past Mom would always help with their plans and help chaperone, but this year they are heading to the beach with friends and won't have Mom or Dad looking over their shoulders to make certain they behave. Just because they will be on their own doesn't mean a totally free week of fun, however, because I told them both that I will have my spies checking on them and will know just what went on before they even get back. Isn't being a parent fun?

## SWINGS AND MISSES....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw their four-game winning streak snapped last week with a 4-0 loss to the Opp Bobcats, and after this week's stop at the Arion Spring Break Tournament, the Tigers will get to take a few days off to rest up before they begin a run at the state playoffs. Elba knocked the cover off the ball in rolling to lopsided wins over Luverne and Opp, but against the 4A Bobcats the Tigers saw some top notch pitching and failed to rise to the challenge. It will be interesting to see how the Tigers come back from their short break and what kind of new streak they can get started down the stretch. There is no doubt the Tigers have the skills to win a bunch of games. However, potential has never scored a run and the Tigers will have to win on the field just like everyone else. It should be interesting.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers found out on Friday morning that were ranked third in the state in the Class 1A-3A poll published weekly by The Birmingham News and promptly went out later that night and dropped a 5-1 decision to the 2A Goshen Eagles for their first loss of the season. The Lady Tigers did get one win in a tournament up in Troy, but also suffered their second loss as 6A Theodore applied a 10-0 spanking. The Lady Tigers should be proud of their 10-2 record and their lofty ranking as they take a few days off for spring break, but at the same time they should realize that maybe they weren't quite as good as they thought and that unless they play their best they can be beaten. I still think the Elba girls are a state tournament contender and can pile up a bunch more wins, but they must improve every time they take the field and remember that the scoreboard always reads 0-0 every time they start a new game.

\*\*\* I haven't had a chance to watch much of the NCAA tournament, but did get to see Alabama make its early exit and have tried to see all the highlight shows late at night. Auburn was vastly under-rated going into the tourney and made a statement with its win over St. Joe's, while Troy State had the toughest draw of the event and played well in the second half before falling. The match-ups will only get better and better this week as the road to the final four continues, and maybe I will get a chance to sit back and watch a few games and pick my favorites. For now, it is still anybody's guess.

\*\*\* The youth baseball and softball seasons will begin in early April and there will be a few changes in store for the kids and the fans when the season kicks off. The coach-pitch baseball league will switch to machine pitch as the youngsters will now hit off a pitching machine, while the Dixie Boys League will have a field of its own as changes at Legion Field have included moving the fences in to 285 and the building of a new mound. The season is a lot closer that you might realize, and in just a matter of days there will be plenty to do every night of the week here in Elba.

\*\*\* In closing, the coaching carousel continued last week with McKenzie's Shane Smothers being named the new head football coach at W.S. Neal. Coach Smothers had huge success in his two seasons at McKenzie, and despite the fact he will look younger than just about all his players, I think the folks down in East Brewton made a wise choice. With new coaches now named at W.S. Neal, Andalusia, Luverne and Geneva, it looks like the 2003 season will have something new for the fans to talk about.

## UMPIRES MEETING

Anyone ages 16 and above that wish to umpire baseball or softball this summer with the Elba Recreation Department should attend a meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 PM at the Elba Recreation Center.

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## Up winning streak to four games

## Elba Tigers sweep past Luverne

The Elba Tigers tangled with their arch-rivals from Luverne twice last week and claimed two big wins to improve their record to 4-1 on the young season and up their winning streak to four games.

Following are highlights of both Elba wins:

ELBA 13  
LUVERNE 7

The Elba Tigers scored five runs in the top of the first to grab a quick lead and then added five runs in their final at-bat to rally and defeat the Luverne Tigers 13-7, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

Elba trailed 1-0 when it came in to bat in the bottom of the first, but quickly erased the deficit as the Tigers pounded out with hits in the inning to grab a 5-1 advantage. A lead-off single by Brandon Petty ignited the early uprising, while Kyle English, Jason Curran, Ralston Moore, Rick Smith and Derrick Thomas all followed with singles, while Brock Lamberti delivered two-out RBI single.

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4 in the third, but the Tigers plated one run in their half of the frame on a double by Ralston Moore and an RBI single by Rick Smith to up the lead to 6-4.

A double by Ryan Gibbs and a two-run triple by Brandon Petty helped Elba increase its lead to 8-4 in the bottom of the fifth. However, Luverne refused to go down without a fight and scored twice in the top of the sixth to trim the Tigers' advantage to 8-6.

Elba finally put the game away in its half of the sixth as the Tigers combined five hits with two walks to plate five runs and blow the game open.

A lead-off double by Jason Curran sparked the late rally, while Patrick Tyson had a bases-loaded single, and Matthew Curran added a two-run double to help Elba take command and post the big 13-7 win.

Jason Curran and Ryan Gibbs both had 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Brandon Petty, Kyle English, Ralston Moore, Matthew Curran and Brock Lamberti all added 2 hits.

Derrick Thomas got the win on Thursday afternoon to battle the high-powered Opp Bobcats and saw their four-game winning streak come to an end as they were blanked by the Bobcats 4-0.

The Tigers went down in order in the top of the first, but the Bobcats made some early noise as Opp combined two hits with one walk to plate two runs to grab a quick 2-0 lead.

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A lead-off single by LaRay Williams sparked the Elba uprising, while Clark Skinner followed with a single and both Williams and Skinner raced home on a two-run double by Adam Spicer. Taylor McGuire followed with an RBI single to give the Tigers a 3-2 lead, and Elba added three more runs in the inning thanks to one walk and one error as they pulled ahead 6-2.

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Opp scored two runs in the second and three more in the third to regain command with a 10-5 lead, but the Tigers rallied again and plated two runs in the fourth to pull within 10-7. LaRay Williams and Clark Skinner reached on errors to get the late rally underway, while Adam Spicer added his second double of the game to drive in both runs.

Opp added a lone run in its half of the fourth to up its lead to 11-7, and the Tigers then went down in order in the fifth to suffer the 11-7 defeat.

Adam Spicer ripped two doubles to lead Elba at the plate, while Aaron Harrelson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and LaRay Williams and Chase Bout







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